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FOR BLACKEN AND HEAVENER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GY, US

SUBJECT: GOG REQUEST FOR BLACKEN'S RETURN

1. ACTING CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER OHLSEN CALLED ON CHARGE THIS MORNING TO PASS ON FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MFA ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY SEAWAR. SEARWAR SAID "MFA DOING ITS BEST TO HOLD LID ON. HOWEVER AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT TO IMPROVING SITUATION WAS THE RETURN OF JOHN BLACKEN." SEARWAR THEN ASKED OHLSEN IF HE HAD ANY IDEA WHEN CHARGE BLACKEN WOULD RETURN. OHLSEN REPLIED THAT HE KNEW NOTHING MORE THAN SEARWAR.

2. SEARWAR ALSO TOLD OHLSEN THAT HE WAS AWARE THAT CHARGE MCCOY HAD ATTEMPTED TO SEE HIM LAST WEEK AND THAT SEARWAR WAS "FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO SEE MCCOY AND REFERRED HIM INSTEAD TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL STOREY."

3. COMMENT: PRESS HAS REPORTED INITIAL REACTION OF GOG TO HALDER'S NOTE OF PROTEST WHICH IS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. HOWEVER IT IS BECOMING READILY APPARENT TO MEMBERS OF THE MISSION THAT THERE MAY BE AN INFORMAL POLICY FORMULATED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOG THAT SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT
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"FRATERNIZE" WITH MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY.

CHARGE IN CONVERSATION THIS MORNING WITH MEMBER
OF MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT HAD ALSO BEEN
TOLD THAT IT WAS NOT POPULAR FOR MEMBERS OF THE
GOVERNMENT TO BE SEEN WITH EMBASSY STAFF.
IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT GOG DESIRES BLACKEN'S
RETURN SINCE IT WILL BE TAKEN AS A SIGN OF
BUSINESS AS USUAL.
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